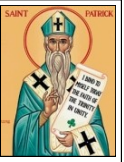


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Year A

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14;  
Mt 24:37-44

**Our Mission Statement:**

'Help others to recognise,  
through their experiences,  
that Jesus who died and is risen  
is the truth that lights up their lives'.

**Our Vision Statement:**

'That the parishioners of  
Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish  
grow as missionary disciples  
and live as community in Christ  
inviting all people into our Parish,  
welcoming them to our Parish life  
and embracing the rich diversity  
of our community'.

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Until further notice there will be  
**ONE Morning Mass only**  
on weekdays

**St Patrick's 9am:**  
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat  
**St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri**  
(except 1st Friday of the month when  
Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am St Patrick's  
Friday After 9am Mass St Bernard's

**Emergency sick calls**  
**0468 341 841**

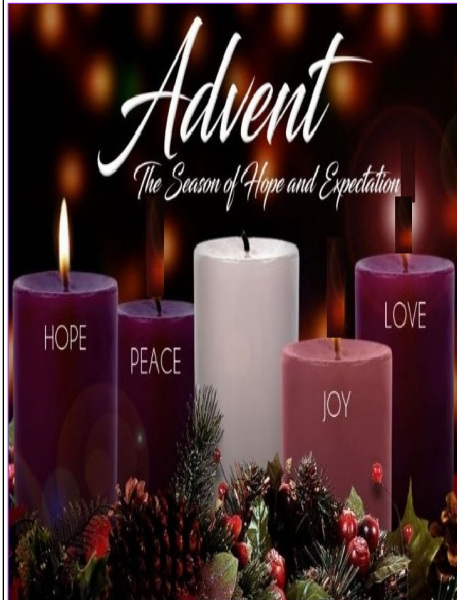
(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

## HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If you are admitted to hospital,  
please write down your religion as  
Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

*Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre  
if hospitalised and you would like  
our own priests to attend.*

## Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles



## 1st Sunday of Advent

**Celebrant:** As we begin our Advent Journey, we  
light the first candle. We pray that God will fill  
our hearts with longing for the coming of his Son.

**Reader:** Stir up your power, almighty God, to  
rescue us from the darkness of sin.

**Response:** Come, Lord, and fill us with the light  
of hope.

**Reader:** It is time to wake and be ready.

**Response:** Come, Lord, and fill us with the light  
of hope.

**Reader:** The night is almost over and the day  
is close at hand.

**Response:** Come, Lord, and fill us with the light  
of hope.



## 'Keep Christ in Christmas'

### CHRISTMAS 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION TIMES

Monday 19 December ~ 7.30pm St Patrick's  
(1st Rite times unchanged ~ see left hand column for details)

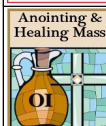
### CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

#### Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 December

5pm St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children (Outdoor in school grounds), Carols & BBQ ~  
bring a chair  
6pm St Patrick's Vigil Mass for Children (dress up as Angels & Shepherds etc)  
9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

#### Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December

12 am St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass  
8am St Patrick's Mass 9am St Bernard's Mass  
10am St Patrick's Mass **NO evening Mass Christmas Day**



### FINAL First Friday of the Month 2022:

2 December 2022 ~

### ANointing & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am; Healing Mass: 11.30am

### NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's:

7.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine  
Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **All are welcome.**



### PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / Website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp)

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Parish Office Email: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH  
Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / Bookkeeper: Karen Price

Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favaloro / Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill

Sacramental Team Email: [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.  
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

### Purple Week of Advent Year A

**Monday 28/11**

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday 29/11**

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday 30/11 ~ Feast**

St Andrew, apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday 1/12**

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday 2/12**

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday 3/12 ~ Memorial**

St Francis Xavier, priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;

Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

### Pope's intention for November:



#### Children who suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish  
Remembers & prayers for...

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances Gleeson, Sally Agnew, Daryl Harvey, Marie Rita Romano, Edith Ireland, Philip Joseph, Alfredo Figueras, Antonia Passalacqua, Jeanette Bakker, Brian Patterson

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Porter, Robert Martin, Lesley White, Irena Iwona, Mary & Frank Jack, Patrick O'Halloran, Fr Patrick McMaugh, James Treacy, Nancy Gomez.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**  
Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.

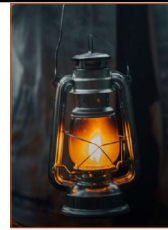
#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Carla Medeiros, Ann Leslie, Modesta Borromeo Laroco, Georgina Hughes, Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir.

## REFLECTION © Dianne Bergant CSA

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.



"So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming."

Matthew 24:42



### Last weekend we held our November ~ PASTORAL WORKS BB APPEAL

Our quota levy for this financial year is set at **\$35,523.00**

and for the November appeal at **\$17,761.50**

so far our contributions total **\$7,491.00**

Envelopes are at the back of our churches and remain in the pews this weekend for those who may not have had the opportunity to make a contribution yet.

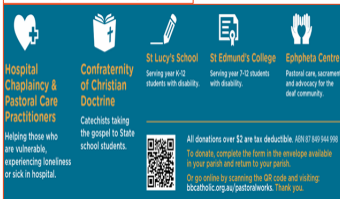
All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

With thanks for giving whatever you can afford to give without hardship,

Fr Joy.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.



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To donate, complete the form in the envelope provided in your parish and return to your parish.  
Or go online by scanning the QR code and visiting [bbccatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbccatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). Thank you.

## December 2022 Parish Timetable

The ultra busy month of December will soon be upon us so here is an idea of what is in the diary for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish ...



Date	Time	Church	Event
Dec 1	5pm	SPA (School)	School Grounds Christmas Concert / Music Evening
Dec 2	11.30am / 7.30pm	SBB / SPA	Anointing & Healing Mass / Night Vigil
Dec 3/4	All Masses	SBB / SPA	SVdP Christmas Appeal
Dec 7	5pm	SBB (School)	Carols Night on the School Oval
Dec 8	5.30pm	SPA	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 9	7.30pm	SPA	Taizé Evening
Dec 12	6pm	SBB	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 14	3pm	Hornsby	Christmas Mass, Regis Aged Care
Dec 15	11.30am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 15	5.30pm / 7.30pm	Berowra Oval	Carols under THE Star - Ecumenical Event (see below)
Dec 16	11.30am	SBB	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 16	5.30pm / 6.15pm	SBB (Church & Hall)	Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass and 'Sizzle Spectacular'
Dec 17	9am / after 9am Mass	SBB / SPA	Christmas Church Cleaning—all hands and buckets on deck!
Dec 19	7.30pm	SPA	2nd Rite of Reconciliation opportunity
Dec 21	7.30pm	SPA	Whole Parish Christmas Carol Evening

### The 250 Club!

Week 19 ~ 21/11/22;

Winning # ~ 536;

Amt: \$25.00

Winners: Paul & Kerri O'Neill



### Requiescat In Pace ~ Frances Gleeson

It is with sadness we advise of the passing of Frances Margaret Gleeson, a parishioner of the parish for over 70 years. Frances passed peacefully last Saturday having reached the age of 98 years.

Known and loved by many, Frances, together with her late husband Bernie, worked tirelessly for the parish from building the churches to the Parish Refugee Resettlement Programme.

Francis was farewelled from her beloved St Patrick's Church, Asquith with Requiem Mass last Friday.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

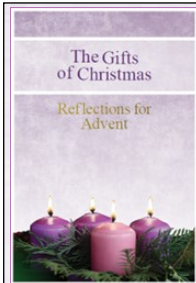


**Tap n Go** donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



**Bank Account Number:** To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: [parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au)  
~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Dr Bijou.





## THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS ~ Reflections for Advent

The new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Written by Fr David Ranson, (our Vicar General and PP of Chatswood Parish), it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace. Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation and this resource helps you along the way with scripture verses, reflections and prayers.

The resource can be accessed on the Diocesan webpage - <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/advent-2022>



## Attention all Parish Volunteers:

### The Parish VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS & BBQ HAS BEEN POSTPONED to early 2023

*We are very sorry for any inconvenience.*

*A new date and venue will be advised shortly and we hope to see you all then to properly thank you for all you do for our parish.*



The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Asquith and Berowra will be having their Christmas Appeal next week-end.

Our Christmas Appeal plays a vital role each year in enabling the good works of the Society to be continued and with your support we hope to sustain the assistance the Society provides in the future. There are envelopes at the back of the Church and if you are able to donate to our appeal please take one and return it next week-end, *thank you.*



A Cake Stall is begin held today after the 10am Mass by the Children's Choir to raise funds for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Please support this initiative of our youngest volunteers to do good works for those less fortunate.

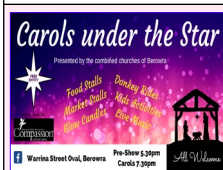


## CALLING ALL Shepherds, Angels and Wisemen NATIVITY PLAY Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5pm @ ST BERNARD'S CHURCH (well, the schoolyard actually)

Would your child like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity Play at the 5.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Bernard's? Then, please come along to the rehearsal on Thursday 22nd December. We will meet at 10.00 am outside St Bernard's Church.

Parents, please stay with your child for the rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 0422 093 594. Zinta H & Elaine D



## Annual Ecumenical Christmas Event ~

Please join others from our local Church Communities of Berowra  
on: Thursday 15 December at: Warrina St Oval, Berowra (opposite our church carpark);

at: 5.30pm for the Pre-Show and at: 7.30pm for Carols.

Each local church is seeking volunteers to deliver flyers before the event and to act as crowd controllers on the night.

What a great way to show the Spirit of the Catholic Community of Berowra & Asquith!



## Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to  
**Oliver James Morris and  
Ezra Hugh Dixon**

who are to be baptised  
this weekend. *Please keep them,  
their parents and Godparents  
in your prayers.*



Children's Choir  
@ St Patrick's  
is always happy  
to welcome new  
members

Ages: Year 3 up to Year 12.

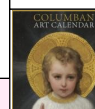
Choir practises: Every Friday  
during school terms from 4pm to  
5pm in St Patrick's church.

Need more information? Call  
Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Please note: Final Choir Mass  
for 2022: December 11th, 10am.  
Final practise: Friday Dec. 9th.  
followed by Christmas party until  
5.30pm. Please bring a plate to  
share and please RSVP to Pat.

Seeking Songbirds for  
St Bernard's Christmas  
Eve outdoor Mass at 5pm  
and 9am Mass Christmas Day.

Would you like to sing at either of  
these Masses? Please come to  
St Bernard's Church: Monday  
November 28 at 7-8 pm for a  
practise. All welcome.



COLUMBAN  
CALENDARS  
& CHRISTMAS CARDS  
now at both Churches.

The 2022 Columban calendar is  
available at both St Bernard's & St  
Patrick's for only \$10.00.

\* St Patrick's has SVdP Christmas  
cards. \$7 for 10 cards.

Please put money in Vinnies box.

\* St Bernard's has packs of 8  
Christmas Cards for \$2.50  
(NB: these are not SVdp cards).

## Have you thought of any New Year Resolutions yet? Here is an easy way to bring the Liturgy into your life on a daily basis.

The Word of God is a day-by-day occurrence and a year-long event where we grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and so we ask that you consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year.

Join others in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life –

<https://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear> and <https://ascensionpress.com/catechisminayear>

### Let's read the entire Bible in a year!

Read "The Bible in A Year" podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz beginning on January 1, 2023. By listening to the this podcast, you will:

- \* Read the entire Bible in 365 days;
- \* Understand the story of Salvation;
- \* Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your life.

Each daily episode is about 20-25 minutes long. Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!



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- \* Transform your relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

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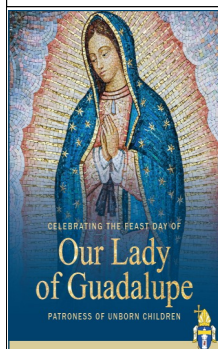
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**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 3rd December / 4th December 2022 — 2nd Sunday of Advent — Year A**  
Is 11:1-10: Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Archie Tod Robyn Orr	Andrew McLoughlin Verity Hartmann	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Oscar Braga Lucy Henao Via	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Volunteer now	Paul Maher	Hayley Rodrigues	Mary Stokes	Cora Cuasay	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	Justin Berry	Jeanette Neary	Edwina Subramany	Jim Fitzgerald	David De Fina	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Gen Funk, Ted Cook (f)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Anh Nguyen			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always</i>		December TBC: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow, Malcolm Cross, David Chui			

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.



All are invited to celebrate the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of unborn children, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The Mass will include a special blessing for expectant mothers and those wishing to conceive a child.

**Details are as follows:**

**Date:** Monday 12 December

**Time:** 7:00pm Mass

**Venue:** Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

Following Mass, refreshments and entertainment will be offered in the church forecourt.



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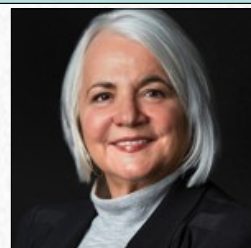
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